

MINUTES

UTAH Dentist/Dental Hygienists Licensing Board MEETING

January 19, 2007

**Room 210 - 2nd Floor 8:30
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111**

CONVENED: 8:20 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 12:50 p.m.

Bureau Manager
Acting Board Secretary

Daniel T. Jones
Sally Canavan

Board Members Present:

Brian Lundberg, DDS, Chairperson
Anna Policelli RDH,
Joseph Mirci, DDS
Alexander Larsen, DDS
Brent Larson, DDS
James, Ence, DDS
Karen Bateman, RDH
Pamela Jolley

Board Members Excused:

Stephen Morgan, DDS

Guests

Aimee Butler
Sheryl Panter
Kathryn Martini
Ashley Pengelly
Meg Myers
Lindsey Parcell
Stepanie Stokes
Michelle Haighton
Jalene Hale
Emily Adams
Brooke Bailey
Desiree Nielson
Michaelene Kippen
Candice Norris
Kelly Colton
Steven Steed, DDS
Joleen Van bibber
Allen Hibler, DDS

Donald G. Montoya
Lori Brogna, RDH
Monte Thompson, UDA
Jennifer Taylor
Lori Lacey
Melinda Tate

DOPL Staff Present:

F. David Stanley, DOPL Division Director
Larry Gooch, DOPL Investigator Supervisor

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

DECISIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:
MINUTES:**

The minutes for December, 2006 were reviewed.
Dr. Lundberg motioned to accept the minutes with
changes, seconded by Dr. Ence.
The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments:
Susan Higgs – Diversion and Probation

Ms. Higgs reviewed the Diversion program with the Board. This was initially set up by Utah State Legislature to work with professionals with drug/alcohol problems. The referrals come from many sources i.e. an employer or the individual themselves. The program is there to support the addict in their recovery and has been very helpful to many professionals. They are usually in the program for five (5) years. Some have failed the Diversion program and these licenses are suspended by the Division, and are then immediately placed on Board probation. Ms. Higgs advised the Board the Diversion Program is confidential. There is no cost to the individual except for the drug screens. The funding for this program has been allocated through the Utah State Legislature. Ms. Higgs gave the Board two (2) handouts for review. The Board discussed these in detail.

**Dr. Rochelle Rasmussen, Probation
Interview**

Dr. Rasmussen presented herself to the Board. Ms. Policelli conducted the interview. Dr. Rasmussen

advised the Board she had completed an ethics course. She has made some changes in her office. She now has Dr. Ray working Tuesdays and Thursdays, Dr. Clifford working Wednesdays and Fridays and Dr. Tom working Mondays and Fridays. Dr. Rasmussen stated the new employees are aware her license is on probation. She continues to work everyday, however, she only sees patients two (2) days a week. Dr. Rasmussen stated Dr. Fifield is no longer working in her office. Dr. Rasmussen stated she has completed forty-one (41) hours of continuing education. The Board asked to see Dr. Rasmussen in June 2007. **In Compliance**

Dr. David Hendrickson, Probation
Interview

Dr. Hendrickson presented himself to the Board. Dr. Mirci conducted the interview. Dr. Hendrickson advised the Board all prescriptions are written on the computer and are numbered and gave the Board copies for review. The Board asked Dr. Hendrickson to send these copies into the Division monthly. Dr. Hendrickson advised the Board Dr. Rob Mohr is his wife's physician. The Board asked Dr. Hendrickson to submit a practice plan regarding how his wife's treatment and medications will be handled. The Board briefly talked about continuing education courses for Dr. Hendrickson and encouraged him to contact the American Dental Association. Dr. Hendrickson stated his supervising dentist is still Dr. Tilt. The Board asked to see Dr. Hendrickson in June 2007. **In Compliance**

Ms. Holli Stancil, RDH, review of
Northern Caroling Clinical Exam

Ms. Stancil presented herself to the Board. Mr. Jones advised the Board Ms. Stancil is asking the Board to consider accepting the North Carolina Clinical Exam for reciprocity. Ms. Stancil gave the Board a handout regarding her education and the clinical exam content and scoring. After talking with Ms. Stancil in detail the Board asked Ms. Stancil to submit more information regarding the criteria of the exam she

passed before it could determine equivalency with Western Regional Examining Board (WREB). Mr. Jones asked Ms. Stancil to fax him the information and he will forward this to the Board Members.

Dr. Paul Benson, New Probation
Interview

Dr. Benson presented himself to the Board. Dr. Alex Larsen conducted the interview. Dr. Benson reviewed with the Board the reasons his license was placed on probation. Dr. Benson stated he is in a program called "Life Start". This program is for sexual and alcohol addictions. Dr. Benson stated this program is educational as well as treatment. He started seeing a therapist in July and attending Life Start in September. Dr. Benson stated he has not received a copy of his stipulation yet. Dr. Benson stated he has an all female staff and is making changes in his office. He has designated Ms. Kerri Jewkes, his office manager to be the chaperone. Dr. Benson stated he has also removed internet access to his office computer. The Board briefly reviewed with Dr. Benson the problem licensees are having with insurance companies dropping them once their license is placed on probation. The Board asked to see Dr. Benson February 2007.

Discussion:

The Board briefly reviewed the definition of 'chaperone' and a letter written to the Board by Ms. Jewkes. The Board expressed concerns with Ms. Jewkes dual duties as an office manager and chaperone.

INTRODUCTION:

Mr. Jones introduced Mr. F. David Stanley to the Board as the new Division of Occupational and Professional Director.

Dr. Paul Martinez, Probation Interview

Dr. Martinez presented himself to the Board. Dr. Brent Larson conducted the interview. Dr. Martinez advised the Board he is still seeing Dr. Brunson. The Board advised Dr. Martinez if he wanted to see

someone else closer to where he lives, the Board would consider approving this. Dr. Martinez advised the Board he would like either Dr. Dansie or Dr. Hansen as his supervising dentist. They both live close to him. Dr. Martinez stated he is still trying to get into an ethics program through PACE. Dr. Martinez stated he has completed an ethics course on the internet and felt this was a very good course. Dr. Martinez stated there has been some problems in getting into this course. The Board encouraged Dr. Martinez to find another professional boundaries program it would consider. Dr. Martinez advised the Board communication between him and Dr. Brunson has improved. Dr. Martinez stated things were going well, his wife is the receptionist in the office. The Board encouraged Dr. Martinez to review his stipulation and encouraged him to continue on the way he is going and asked to see Dr. Martinez in April 2007. **In Compliance**

Discussion:

Mr. Jones stated he believed Dr. Slater had been hiding the anti depressants he was using through the diluted urine analysis (UA) results and he lied about the dosage of prescribed medication he was taking. Mr. Jones stated he advised Dr. Slater while he was given a legal prescription by his physician the prescription was to for the medication to be taken as directed. Mr. Jones advised Dr. Slater to not practice until after he meets with the Board. The Board reviewed its options with Dr. Slater.

Dr. Rod Slater, Probation Interview

Dr. Slater presented himself to the Board. Dr. Brent Larson conducted the interview. Dr. Slater introduced his wife to the Board and advised the Board he is not presently working. The Board briefly reviewed Dr. Slater's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with him noting his supervisor sold his practice and Dr. Slater will need to obtain a new supervisor. The Board asked Dr. Slater to submit a new practice plan. Dr. Slater stated he is still attending Professionals in Recovery

meetings and will get the Board his attendance cards. Dr. Slater stated he is still having difficulty with the physicians the Arizona Board is requiring him to meet. Dr. Slater advised the Board the MOU he was working under required him to practice with Dr. Mullen, not be alone in the office and not have keys to the office and this went well. Dr. Slater stated he had been prescribed an anti depressant and during a time of extreme stress, he misused the antidepressant. Dr. Slater stated the stress was because of financial reasons. The Board reminded Dr. Slater his stipulation requires him to have one physician and one pharmacy for any medications prescribed and obtaining medication from other sources is in violation of his stipulation. Dr. Slater advised the Board he never believed he was an addict, the antidepressants helped with the chemical imbalance. He is learning how to better cope with the stresses in his life. Dr. Wagoner has taken over for Dr. Mullen. Dr. Slater stated Dr. Wagoner uses nitrous in his office and this is a problem for him and would prefer to work with Dr. Boehme. Dr. Boehme works with Emergency Dental Clinic and is aware of his situation and submitted a letter in Dr. Slater's behalf. Dr. Slater stated he would like to work with Dr. Boehme.

After talking with Dr. and Mrs. Slater Dr. Mirci motioned to have Mr. Daniel T. Jones and Mr. Mitchell Jones investigate the violations of the MOU and determine if a Stipulation and Order are required, seconded by Dr. Alex Larsen. The motion carried unanimously.

Not in Compliance

Discussion:

Dr. Steed briefly discussed the Fluoride Varnish application and gave the Board a handout for clarification. The Health Department is recommending this program be continued under direct supervision by a health care professional.

reviewed the Dental Cases Year End Report regarding investigations. The Board briefly discussed this information.

Supervising Dentists, Mr. Daniel T. Jones

Mr. Jones gave the Board a handout regarding the 'Supervisory Role and Responsibility' form. Dr. Mirci proposed the Board use a tracking log of work hours for some probationers. This would not be needed for everyone.

Discussion:

The Board noted it has approved the state exams for dentists in the following states:

1. California submitted the psychometric study. California also offers the 'Bench' exam to foreign trained dentists. These are not accepted this at this time.
2. Idaho and
3. Hawaii

The Dental Hygiene State exams have not been accepted yet.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Mirci at 12:50 pm.

Board meetings for 2007 have been scheduled:

March 16		
April 20,	May 18,	June 15,
July 20,	August 17,	Sept 21,
Oct 19,	Nov 16,	Dec 21,

Next Board Meeting:

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2007

Date Approved

Chairperson, Dentist Dental Hygienist Licensing Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Div. of Occupational & Professional Licensing